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## THE ST. PATRICK'S CARD PARTY

We feel that our first venture into the money-making field was not too bad in that we really did make some money. On Firday the 13th we gave our card party and rented the College Park Women's Civic Club which we decorated in a St. Patrick's Day motif. All the way down the line we had excellent cooperation from our members, from the telephone committee right through to the last cake donation. After a week or so of work in putting everything in line, the big evening arrived--along with the flu bug. Not all who had planned to come to play were able to do so, but we still had eighteen tables and cleared almost \$50.00.

We were delighted with this addition to our ailing treasury, there has been a suggestion that this might be an excellent plan for a quarterly money maker.

We wish to thank every one who helped make our party a success and our much improved treasury thanks you too.

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# BY-LAWS

The By-Laws of the Central Florida Genealogical and Historical Society were prepared by Mrs. Dietz and read at the meeting of March 26, as required by Roberts Rules of Parlinmentary Procedure. The only change considered necessary or advisable was in Article VII, Committies, Section 1: which shall now read: "The President will appoint all Committee Chairmen." This eliminates Council approval, which was deemed unnecessary.

# SOCIETY GROWTH

Everyone will be very pleased to know of the growth of our Society. From a charter membership of 18 in September of 1969, we are happy to be able to tell you that we now have a total of 45 paid up members. The officers are delighted with the cooperation of so many persons and with the evidence of continuing interest being shown in so many areas.

For our April 30th meeting we will have another film from the Mayflower Society, "The Magic Land" on North Ireland. This film will be run first, then if you are interested we will have available the film on England that was previously shown. Mr. O'Hara, who so kindly arranged for this wonderful film, so many of you saw and praised, on the part of England from which the Mayflower passengers came. Many of you were unable to see this film before, so this will give you the opportunity to see it. We are very grateful to Mr. O'Hara for his genercsity in sharing with us his time and knowledge in this area.

At the meeting on April 30 we plan also to advise you of a special workshop for the May meeting and have this all firmed up by then. Please prepare any questions and turn them in to su. We want to know before then what you want to know; how can we help you?

We wish Best of Health to all of our members who have been absent due to illness.

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#### GUEST SPEAKERS

We are very privileged to have as our guest peaaker at the meeting of February 26, Mr. Don Cheney who is of a pioneer Orange County family. While being currently the Chairman of the Orange County Historical Commission, Mr. Cheney has lead a most worthwhile and interesting life, having devoted an enormous amount of his time to Civic Activities.

The talk was so interesting and so well received that we surely will take advantage of his statement to us that he has "a pocketfull of notes not yet used" and ask him to be with us again.

On January 18, our President, Mrs. Peola T. Stuart, was guest speaker for the Civitan Club. Her subject was, of course, the Central Florida Genealogical and Historical Society. The members of the Civitan Club showed great interest in our Society and wished us well in our work.

The Orlando Public Library would like for all our members and all interested parties to know that they are having Mrs. Dena Shodgrass, Analyst with the Florida State Chamber of Commerc, as their guest speaker at the auditorium on April 24th at 8:00 P.M. Mrs. Snodgrass will speak on "Mr. Summerlin and Friends". She is a past President of the Florida Historical Society as well as of the Jacksonville Historical Society. Whe is well versed in Florida and local history and has written a number of articles for the quarterlies of the above named historical societies. The Library feels that her talk will be of more than usual interest to all of us and especially invites our attendance. Come and bring a friend.

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# AVOID THESE COMMON PITFALLS IN GENEALOGY

To prevent the pitfalls common to the less experienced Genealogical Researcher - please bear in mind the following:

- 1. Proper and sufficient documentation.
- 2. Stated or implied facts must have proper proof to support them.
  - (a) They must be plausible.
  - (b) Do not assume an identity from name similarity.
  - (c) Wishful aristocratic inclination.
- 3. Exceeding care in use of theory and opinion.
- 4. Sufficient background knowledge.
- 5. Evaluate the sources very carefully.
- 6. Be wary of another genealogical record.

Several libraries of the following named states furnish pamphlets to assist genealogists, and will be pleased to provide any assistance possible. They do caution, however, that they are not able to do research as they have had too many calls from too many different states and their staffs are not large enough to accommodate this additional service. They will be pleased to recommend the name of a local genealogist to assist you.

Alabama:	State of Alabama, Department of Archives & History. Montgomery, Alabama
Arizonal:	Department of Library & Archives, Phoenix, Arizona.
California:	California State Library, Sutro Branch, Public Library Building, Civic Center, San Francisco, California
Colorado:	McClelland Public Library, Pueblo, Colorado
Connecticut:	The State Library, Hartford, Connecticut.
Florida:	Florida State Library, Tallahassee, Florida

In <u>Pioneers of Wiregrass</u> we find references to the letters "R.S." following a name. For example: "daughter of Nathaniel Bell, R.S." What do these letters mean? If you find them following the name of one of the persons you are interested in, you are in luck. It means Revolutionary Soldier.

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After the battle for the defense of Winchester, Virginia Mrs. Elizabeth Baker notified in public print "all whom it may concern" that "On the 19th day of September, 1864, whilst trying to reach a place of safety from the shells and other missles then being fired by the contending armies, I left the house of my son, Josiah L. Baker, for the town. About midway I was struck with a piece of shell, giving me a severe flesh would and carrying away my pocket, in which was my pocket book containing two notes -one on Josiah L. Baker for \$1,700; the other on John H. Baker for \$400, both rayable to me." She warned all persons against taking or receiving a transfer of the notes.

(Hales Four Valiant Years in The Lower Shenandoah Valley 1861-1865)

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